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Date: 7/10/00 5:10pm  
Subject: Lynnwood Utility excessive rates

Dear Mr. Malone, Ms. Kyle, Mr. Greer, Mr. Sargent, and Mrs. Blackburn,

We are writing to express our concerns about the skyrocketing rates for sewer access in our subdivision of Cottonwood in Franklin, TN. We have been Cottonwood residents and our sewer rates have tripled since the TRA approved Lynnwood Utilities increase. Our homeowners board was assured by the new owners, who just happen to also own 2 new luxury home subdivisions which now use Lynnwood Utility, that the expansion of the water treatment plant would not adversely affect our rates. This could not have been more false! We see a significant conflict of interest in the ownership of 2 subdivisions and the utility plant. Cottonwood, in essence, is subsidising the development of the owners' property by paying for the new subdivisions' water treatment with the astronomical increase in our rates. This new rate of \$5.77 / 1000 gallons of water used is about 70% higher than other sewer service in our area. In addition, we receive no break for any outdoor watering done which, of course, completely bypasses the sewer! We will, due to work, be unable to attend tomorrow's meeting, but we implore you to reconsider this rate increase approval and make it equitable for the people in Cottonwood. Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Matthew and Maggie Coyle, 1109 Greenleaf Way, Franklin, TN 37069.

**From:** "lorry kleinfeld" <kleinfeldl@mail.belmont.edu>  
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**Subject:** Lynnwood utility increase

Dear Mr. Malone,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the rates that Lynnwood utility is charging for water/sewer service. As a resident of the Cottonwood Subdivision in Williamson County, our bill has gone from 16.50 per month to 76.00 per month. While I understand that increases in bills can be expected, our bill has more than quadrupled and evidence to justify the amount of this increase appears lacking. It is not clear to me how the previous owners of Lynnwood Utility managed the utility for 16.50 per month, while the new owners seemingly require several hundred thousand more dollars per year in revenue in order to manage the facility based on the assumption that the typical household in Cottonwood is paying 60.00 more per month or 720.00 more per year for service as we are--- 720.00 per year times the 485 homes in Cottonwood is close to 350,000.00 per year. Some time ago, Cottonwood residents were informed that we would not be adversely affected by Lynnwood's expansion plans, which were needed to accomodate Legends Ridge and River Landing. Yet, the increase in our bill suggests that we have been greatly affected by some undertaking which is unknown to me at this point. Even the improvements which were needed to the sewer facility do not seem to justify the need for this astronomical increase in revenue.

I appreciate your attention to our concern,

Kirk and Lorry Kleinfeld

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